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Mr. W. R. Kessler

Dear Mr. Kessler:

I very much appreciate your letter of May 17th and your kind remarks concerning my brother.

It was very considerate of you to write and you can be sure that your suggestions, as well as those of many other thoughtful persons like yourself, are being given careful attention and consideration by the physicians in charge of my brother's care.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Mr. Allen Dulles,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington-D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

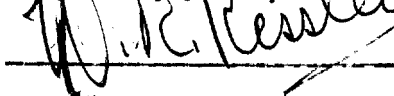
Quite naturally the public is kept abreast of news regarding your brother-John-and today's news as carried by the St.Louis paper is not encouraging.It is also evident that almost everything that medical science has approved of has been used or thought of where your brother's ailment and possible recovery is concerned.Very serious situations demand serious thought and drastic action. With this last in mind-and hoping I may be pardoned for suggesting an item-:

Dr. Kenneth.G.Scott-Ph.D.-Professor of Experimental Radiology of the University of California-San Francisco-22-Cal. has had amazing success in combating cancer in very advanced stages with his serum -the shortened tech. name being-L S D-.Where it has been injected INTRAVENOUSLY in cases where cancer was most advanced it tracked down and killed the cancer germs.Then these same subjects were given NEW injections of advanced cancer germs and it was found that the cancer DID NOT GROW AND DID NOT RE-OCCUR.Up to now however-according to Dr. Scott they have not tried the LSD on human beings and their fear is that it may be deleterious to humans since their experiments have not been conclusive.

We know how thorough the experimental medical staffs are and how long it may be to the point where they finally say-alright we are ready for it now-and we let our minds travel back to the polio situation and to remember that emergency dictated the gamble with a serum which had NOT been proven and what resulted therefrom.In the layman's mind it is not impossible and if there is an antidote for the LSD then(1) a test sample of the same blood and type of your brother's and treated with a suitable proportion of LSD to check the results-(2) a small or modified intravenous injection of the LSD on the patient and observe the result.IT COULD POSSIBLY BE THE ONE THING THAT WOULD BE LEFT TO TRY THAT WILL WORK SATISFACTORILY.To my mind if I were the patient-and I realized the extremity of my condition I might give consent and if the doctor were willing to use the LSD the outcome might be amazing.TIME, is such a factor however.

Your brother has practically given his life for the USA in his particular work and if this would work he would be giving the world a head start on the positive cure for cancer.We will have to have it one day soon as the increase in cancer in the USA and the alarming possibilities of fall out results will dictate mighty measures soon.If adverse results are indicated the antidote would bring one back to the original state.

Very truly yours,



W. R. KESSLER-